

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means; ~~and~~
a control center for controlling the plurality of lockers; ~~and, both of which are connected via a communication line network,~~

a communication line network for connecting said plurality of lockers to said control center, wherein:

~~wherein~~ a utilization applicant of a locker accesses, when a locker among said plurality of lockers that the utilization applicant desires to utilize is in a busy condition, ~~among said plurality of lockers~~, said control center from said predetermined operating means or from an available terminal apparatus for ~~said the~~ utilization applicant via said communication line network, and transmits a utilization reservations signal of a locker and a contact address of ~~said the~~ utilization applicant as reservations information;

said control center ~~performs~~is operable to perform, when the locker among said plurality of lockers that ~~said the~~ utilization applicant desires to utilize becomes available, ~~among said plurality of lockers~~, a utilization reservations operation of the locker, while transmitting a locking instruction of the available locker, and to then ~~notifies~~notify that the locker is available to the contact address of ~~said the~~ utilization applicant; and

~~said the~~ utilization applicant confirms that the locker is available based on the notification from said control center, then proceeds to an installation location of the corresponding locker, ~~followed by unlocking and then unlocks~~ the locked locker by using said predetermined operating means in order to leave a parcel on check at the locker.

2. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 1, wherein said control center ~~transmits~~is operable to transmit, when the checked parcel exists in a prescribed locker that is left unattended for more than a predetermined amount of time, a message to the contract address of the user of the prescribed locker persuading the ~~contact address of the user of the locker~~ to take out the parcel.

3. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means; ~~and~~

a terminal apparatus which is available for a utilization applicant of a locker; and,
~~both of which are connected via a communication line network,~~

a communication line network for connecting said plurality of networks to said terminal apparatus;

wherein the utilization applicant of the locker transmits, when the locker among said plurality of lockers that the utilization applicant desires to utilize is in a busy condition, ~~among said plurality of lockers,~~ a utilization reservations signal of the locker and a contact address of the utilization applicant to any one of said plurality of lockers from said predetermined operating means or said terminal apparatus via said communication line network;

each of said plurality of lockers has observing means for observing utilization circumstances of the lockers, and communicating means for ~~communication~~ communicating with said terminal apparatus;

~~in which~~ when said communicating means receives ~~said the~~ utilization reservations signal and ~~said the~~ contact address via said communication line network, ~~and then,~~ said observing means then finds that the locker that the utilization applicant desires to utilize becomes available, followed by reserving and subsequently reserves the desired locker while locking the locker, and said communicating means transmits a communication ~~to the effect indicating~~ that the desired locker is available to ~~said the~~ contact address of the utilization applicant; and,

~~said the~~ utilization applicant confirms that the desired locker is available depending on the communication from said communicating means, then proceeds to an installation location of the corresponding locker, ~~followed by unlocking and then unlocks~~ the locked locker by using said predetermined operating means in order to leave a parcel on check at the locker.

4. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 3, wherein when a checked parcel existing in at least one of said plurality of lockers is left unattended for more than a predetermined amount of time, each said at least one of said plurality of lockers ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit; from said communicating means when the checked parcel exists in prescribed locker left unattended more than predetermined time,

a message to the contract address of the user of said at least one of the plurality of lockers
persuading the ~~contact address of the user of the locker to take out the parcel, from said~~
~~communicating means.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;
a delivery trader for delivering parcels to predetermined places depending on
prescribed means of transportation;~~and~~

a user terminal possessed by ~~the~~ a user; and,
~~in which a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said~~
~~control center, and said user terminal are connected via a communication line, and~~
wherein:

a parcel stored in an arbitrary locker among said plurality lockers is made to
~~deliver~~ be delivered for an address-for-delivery specified by the user;

~~wherein said the~~ user obtains information of the address-for-delivery of the parcel
from said control center beforehand, and then specifies an address-for-delivery of the
parcel based on the obtained information by using said predetermined operating means or
said user terminal in order to transmit a communication about the specified address-for-
delivery of the parcel to said control center;

said control center ~~instructs~~ is operable to instruct said delivery trader ~~on delivery~~
~~of said delivering the parcel for said of the~~ address-for-delivery from said locker based on
the information about an additional location of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel
specified by said operating means or said user terminal; and

said delivery trader ~~executes~~ is operable to execute collection of cargo of said
parcel from the locker; in which the parcel is stored once, by using ~~the said prescribed~~
means of transportation means based on the instruction for causing the parcel to be
delivered for ~~said the~~ additional address-for-delivery of the parcel.

6. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein the
information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery is ~~of address information of said the~~ address-

for-delivery or map information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery.

7. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein the information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery includes, when said address-for-delivery is of an additional locker specified by ~~said the~~ user, vacancy information of ~~said the~~ additional locker.

8. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein said control center ~~executes~~ is operable to execute, when ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery is an additional locker specified by ~~said the~~ user, a utilization reservations operation of ~~said the~~ additional locker.

9. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers; ~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by ~~the a~~ user; ~~and~~
all of which are connected via a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein; ~~in which~~
the user ~~can~~ is able to select previously any one of said plurality of lockers as an address-for-delivery of the parcel which the user himself desires to deliver, and the user can specify to reserve the selected locker;
~~wherein said the~~ user requires to obtain information from said control center concerning the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel by using said predetermined operating means or said user terminal; ~~from said control center~~; and
said control center ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit, in accordance with the requirement of the user, positional information and utilization circumstances of the locker as the address-for-delivery to said locker or said user terminal so that ~~said the~~ user selects to specify the required address-for-delivery of the parcel based on ~~said the~~ positional information and utilization circumstances of the locker, ~~thus and so that~~ the user is capable of performing a reservations specification of the required home delivery locker of an address-for-delivery of the parcel.

10. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 9, wherein:
said control center is connected, via said communication line, to a cooperation company apparatus of a cooperation company which is involved in a business cooperation with said control center; ~~via said communication line, in which said~~
and the user selects any one of said plurality of lockers as an address-for-delivery of merchandise ~~merchandise~~ purchased via said cooperation company apparatus by using said user terminal and the user ~~can~~ is able to specify to reserve the selected locker.

11. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 9, wherein said control center ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit a position of a locker of said address-for-delivery as map information or dwelling place information and ~~transmits~~ transmit utilization circumstances of said locker.

12. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by the user; ~~and, all of which are connected via communication line,~~
a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein:

~~wherein said the~~ user accesses said control center from said predetermined operating means or said user terminal, and concludes a utilization contract of a locker as an address-for-delivery of parcels, with a parcel recipient at being absent, based on utilization reservations information;

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify a the delivery company which is involved in a business cooperation with the said control center of positional information of the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel with the parcel recipient at being absent;

~~said the~~ delivery company completes, when the parcel recipient of the address-for-delivery is absent at the time of delivery of the parcel, the delivery of ~~said the~~ parcel

based on the notified positional information of the locker as ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel, and

~~said the~~ locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel notifies, when ~~said the~~ parcel is stored, said user terminal that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored based on ~~said the~~ utilization contract information from said control center.

13. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by ~~the a~~ user; ~~and, all of which are connected via~~
~~communication line,~~

a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein:

~~wherein said the~~ user accesses said control center from said predetermined operating means or said user terminal, and concludes a utilization contract of a locker as an address-for-delivery of parcels, with the parcel recipient ~~at being~~ absent, based on utilization reservations information,

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify a ~~the~~ delivery company which is involved in a business cooperation with ~~the said~~ control center of positional information of the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel with the parcel recipient ~~at being~~ absent;

~~said the~~ delivery company completes, when the parcel recipient of the address-for-delivery is absent at the time of delivery of the parcel, the delivery of ~~said the~~ parcel based on the notified positional information of the locker as ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel, and

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify, when confirming that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored in ~~said the~~ locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel, said user terminal that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored based on ~~said the~~ utilization contract information.